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SUBJECT: FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD LETTER TO MEMBER BANKS

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- 1. DURING CALL ON CHARGE BY BANK OF AMERICA OFFICERS,
 THEY MADE MENTION OF QUOTE FEDERAL LEGISLATION END QUOTE
 WITH DATE OF DECEMBER 15 WHICH NOW GIVES FORCE OF LAW
 TO FRB GUIDANCE TO MEMBER BANKS. THEY ALSO REPORTED
 THAT NINE CLEARING BANKS OF NEW YORK HAD DECIDED TO
 QUOTE IGNORE NEW YORK STATE ANTI-BOYCOTT LAW END QUOTE
 BUT WOULD ADHERE TO FEDERAL STATUTE WHICH SEPARATED
 PROCESSING DOCUMENTATION FINANCIAL TRANSACTION INTO
 (A) THOSE CLEARLY PROHIBITED BY LAW AND (B) THOSE WHICH
 WERE TO BE DISCOURAGED. BANK AMERICAN OFFICERS SAID THEY
 INTERESTED IN THAT AREA WHERE PROCESSING OF COMMERCIAL/
 FINANCIAL DOCUMENTATION WAS QUOTE DISCOURAGED END QUOTE.
- 2. EMBASSY QUERIED BANK AMERICAN REGARDING FEDERAL STATUTE, THINKING THEY MAY HAVE CONFUSED NEW YORK STATE ANTI-BOYCOTT LEGISLATION DUE TO TAKE EFFECT JANUARY 1, 1976. BANK AMERICA REPLIED, INDICATING NO SUCH CONFUSION AND INSISTED THAT CONGRESS HAD ENACTED LEGISLATION. THEY ADDED THAT FRB LETTER WAS QUOTE DRAWN FROM SUBSTANCE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF BILL WHICH IN FACT ANTE-DATED LETTER END QUOTE. BANK

AMERICA WAS TOLD THAT EMBASSY HAD NO SUCH INFORMATION.

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFO CONCERNING ALLEGED FEDERAL STATUTE PERTAINING TO PROCESSING OF LETTERS OF CREDIT OR OTHER COMMERCIAL DOCUMENTATION. HORAN

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